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The following information on the Gds Inf Regt in Pilsen (in 50/L 04) up to 7 April 1950 was obtained:

1. Superior headquarters: Pilsen division, commanded by General Patara (1)
2. Ltvar No.: 7459, superseded 8828 (2)  
POB 24/50, superseded 24/e in January 1950.
3. Designation: The regiment was awarded the title Gardova Jednotka (i.e. guards unit) only in early 1950. It was a guards regiment which had received special training on the pattern of the Soviet guard units. The regiment was scheduled for border guard duty. (3)
4. Officers: CO: Colonel Vaclav Kohel  
Dpty CO: Colonel Vaclav Uher  
Barracks Commandant: Major Aska  
Dpty Barracks Commandant: Major Moravcek  
Education Officer: Junior Lieutenant Martinek. (4)
5. Organization and disposition: (5)  
  
regimental headquarters in Pilsen  
1 ln in Pilsen  
1st through 3rd Inf Co

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4th Co  
5th Co (probably a submachine gun company)  
One independent company the organization  
and equipment of which were not known.

II Bn in Reporuk (II 50/L 21)  
CO: Staff Captain Karel Martinsky  
6th Inf Co "Sd"  
CO: Staff Captain Zdenek Malach  
7th Inf Co "Sr"  
CO: Senior Lieutenant Jan Evonak  
8th Inf Co "Ou"  
CO: Lieutenant Brantisek Vacek  
9th Hv LG Co "Dh"  
CO: Lieutenant Zdenek Dunovsky  
10th AT Co "By"  
CO: Lieutenant Brantisek Lovotny  
One independent company data of which  
were not known.

III Bn in Klatovy (II 50/L 00)  
11th through 13th Inf Co  
14th Co )  
15th Co ) details on which were not known

Replacement unit in Pisek.

6. Strength: It was only known that the 6th through  
10th Co each numbered about 50 men.

7. Armament and equipment:

- a. The 6th through 8th Co were armed with German rifles, 10 Czech submachine guns, 2 small portable mortars and an unidentified number of Soviet submachine guns with drum magazine per company. NCOs had 9-mm pistols of Czech origin.
- b. The Hv LG Co had heavy machine guns of Czech make.
- c. The AT Co had 45-mm AT guns.
- d. The battalion also had "Panzerfaust" and "Panzerschreck" (German versions of the bazooka), allegedly filled with a novel Czech explosive.

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8. Means of transportation:

The II Ln was equipped with horses

9. Training: Only attack rather than defense practice was done during the last months. Small-scale field exercises with troops from other military posts were held every two weeks. The forthcoming large-scale summer maneuvers were to begin in mid-June 1950 and to last for about three months. A tank battalion participated in the 1949/1950 winter maneuvers in the Tachov (N 50/P 54) area. All previous field exercises had been held at battalion level, according to both deserters. Engineer practice, handling of chemical warfare agents and bazookas, and marksmanship training were given preference.

10. Independent companies of the regiment:

Independent companies of the regiment were in Kralovice (N 50/L 16), Pobežovice (N 50/P 61) and Chotesov (N 50/P 93), one company in each town. Detailed data on these units were not known. (6)

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- (1) [REDACTED] The 11th Inf Div, as General Patara was last identified as CG of the 11th Inf Div in October 1949.

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- (2) [REDACTED]: On the basis of its Utvar No. 7459, the regiment is identified as the 11th Inf Regt of the 11th Inf Div.

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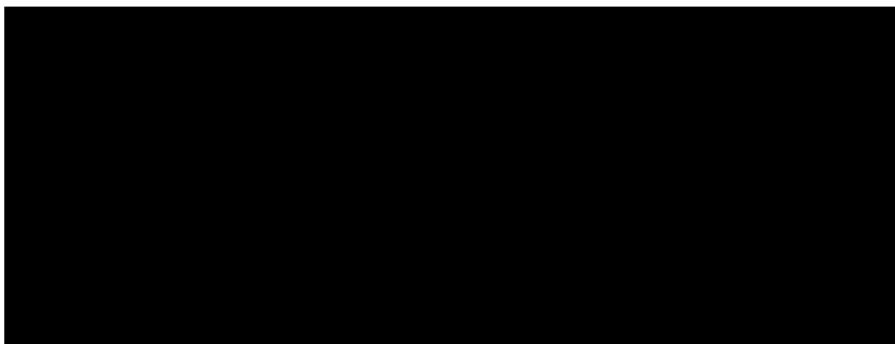
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- (4) [REDACTED] CO and Dpty CO have not changed since October 1949. Moravek was then staff captain and chief of staff. Maska apparently is also CO of the I In.

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- (6) The Chotesov unit is the submachine gun company of the regiment, according to previous reports. The regimental units in the other towns are not known.

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